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## French air chief meets Jordanian C-in-C

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) - The Commanderin-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Zaid Ibn Shaker received in his office at the armed forces headquarters this afternoon the Chief of Staff of the French Air Force, Gen. Sluery, who arrived in Amman last night for a private visit to Jordan which will last several days.

Lt. Gen. Ibn Shaker presented the Jordan Independence Medal, First Grade, granted to the French general by His Majesty King Hussein, the supreme commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces. The meeting was attended by the accompanying

French delegation, the French ambassador in Amman and the commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force.

The chief of the General Staff Maj. Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb also received the guest general at his office at the armed forces Headquarters this

## **U.S.-goods** boycott committee to release communique soon

By Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN, Aug. 25 — A general communique on the boycott of American imports to Jordan will be released in the next few days, according to the spokesman of the executive committee for boycotting U.S. products and imports, Dr. Abdel Aziz Al Haj Ahmad.

The decision was reached after a one-and-a half-hour meeting of the executive committee tonight at the Professional Associations Complex. The committee was formed last Saturday after a people's conference condemned "the American support for Israel" and

declared a boycott-American-goods campaign would be launched in response to that "ardent" support.

"It is the first meeting of the committee since it was set up last Saturday," Dr. Al Haj Ahmad told the Jordan Times.

He added that during the meeting, the participants also elected Bar Association President Suleiman Hadidi as the committee chairman. The committee also elected Mr. Hamad Farhan and Dr. Hassan Khurais as vicechairmen, and Mr. Rayeq Kemel of the Engineers' Association was elected secretary of the com-

Committee members also agreed to work out bye-laws regulating the functions of the executive body and its relationship with the people's conference and the other subsidiary committees. Last Saturday, the conference set up a number of committee's to concentrate on studies and planning, information, public contacts and international and pan-Arab communications to persue the

boycott-U.S.-goods campaign. Dr. Al Haj Ahmad said the executive committee will hold another meeting on next Wed-



Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (left) is met upon his arrival in Alexandria Tuesday by

Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak. (A.P.

## Begin starts summit with Sadat

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 25 (Agencies) - Egyptian and Israeli leaders today began a two-day summit in Alexandria, with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin determined to resist President Anwar Sadat's request that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) be brought into the Camp David pro-

Mr. Begin flew to Alexandria in his twin-engine executive jet and was greeted by vice-president and former fighter pilot Hosni Mubarak and Defence Minister Mohammad Abu Ghazala. Mr. Begin was accompanied by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon.

President Sadat recently called for the PLO and Israel to recognise each other but this was firmly rejected by Mr. Begin.

Israeli officials said Mr. Sharon was trying to promote an alternative Palestinian leadership from the rural West Bank population, thought to be more pliable to Israel than the ardent nationalist urban mayors.

Egypt has said it does not object to resuming the autonomy talks but prefers to wait until the Reagan administration in the U.S. firmly crystallise its policy. Mr. Begin began his visit by lay-

## ing a wreath on the tomb of the Pinto Balsemao

gets new mandate LISBON, Aug. 25 (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes today designated Social Democratic Party (PSD) leader Francisco Pinto Dalsemao as Portugal's new prime minister, ending

the government crisis. Mr. Pinto Balsemao announced his appointment after a oneand-a-half hour meeting with

President Eanes. The PSD leader resigned as prime minister on Aug. 10 because of mounting criticism from the right-wing of his party and its Christian Democratic Party (CDS) coalition partners, but later agreed to form a new

unknown soldier and, watched by a sparse crowd, he inscribed a book at the tomb with a message hoping for lasting peace between Israel and Egypt.

expressed fears for the future. 'The Egyptian press is full of anti-Semitism," one complained. "We don't ask them to love us but moment, this is clearly not the

Israeli officials meanwhile

we do not want them to try and

show some understanding."

He said the scheduled Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula next April was behind the Israeli nervousness. "We had hoped that we would have firmly cemented the peace between us and Egypt by the time the withdrawal took place. At the

case," he said.

## As protesters occupy embassies at Brussels, Hague Tehran hunts down Mujahedeen

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — lranian security forces have rounded up hundreds of anti-government activists in continuing raids on leftist hideouts, Tehran Radio said

The radio, monitored by Reuters, said revolutionary guards arrested 179 members and supporters of leftist groups in the southern city of Kerman where gunmen ambushed a group of guards last night.

The radio said guerrillas of the underground Mujahedeene-Khalq armed with machineguns had killed one revolutionary guard and wounded another in the attack, apparently in retaliation for the mass arrests in the city.

Quoting a communique by Kerman revolutionary guards, Tehran Radio said leftist dissidents, opposed to the clergy rule in Iran, had shot another guardsman in the city of Rezvanshahr.

The radio also carried a statement by security forces in the central city of Isfahan where the guards claimed to have uncovered a major military network of the

Mujahedeen. In Tehran a handgrenade was thrown at the entrance to Pars news agency-the latest of at least three attacks on the agency building-but it caused no casual-

The Pars report, received in Ankara, said one man was arrested after the incident and guns were found in his car. Meanwhile, Iranian students opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini

briefly occupied the Iranian embassies in Belgium and the Netherlands today. They were removed by police

and there were no casualties. The incidents followed an attack on the Iranian embassy in Stockholm yesterday in which anti-Khomeini students held the ambassador hostage for four

hours before police rescued him. One of the students who invaded the embassy in Brussels said the group were supporters of deposed Iranian president Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr who is in exile

The embassy was draped with a quarters.

large banner urging an end to the "fascist and bloody Khomeini regime."

The incident at Iran's embassy in the Hague also lasted for less than an hour and a locked door prevented the students penetrating further than the entrance

Second Secretary Ebrahim Khorrami, who is in charge during the absence of the ambassador, escaped through a window. Police said the students daubed the entrance with paint.

Police said the students, who claimed they were members of the Peykar organisation fighting for the liberation of workers in Iran, were taken to police head-

## Cheysson-Arafat meeting undecided

PARIS, Aug. 25 (R) - French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said today it had not been decided whether he would meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat during a Middle East tour this week.

"Will I see Chairman Arafat when going through Beirut? that is absolutely not yet decided," Mr. Cheysson told reporters when he arrived home from India.

But external relations ministry sources said later there had been contacts with the PLO on the subject. They declined to comment on reports in the French media which said there had been no decision on the meeting because France and

the PLO disagreed on the venue. Some French radio stations said the PLO insisted that the two men meet at its Beirut headquarters while France, aware of Lebanese sensitivities, wanted it at the French embassy. One station said Damascus might be a compromise venue for the

first meeting between the Palestinian leader and a French foreign minister since 1974.

Mr. Cheysson will be in Jordan on Friday, Lebanon the following day and Syria on Sunday.

Tel Aviv reacts sharply

# Reagan notifies Congress of arms deal with Saudis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — The Reagan administration has formally notified the Congress of its intention to proceed with an \$8.5 billion arms deal with the Saudis which includes five Ariborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft.

However, the administration faces a tough battle in Congress over the propsoed arms deal although a congressional study says closer military ties would help to avert a possible anti-Western uprising there.

Israel has sharply criticised the deal and many members of Congress share its concern.

The House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday released a report stressing the importance of growing U.S.-Saudi military ties.

Although it did not specifically endorse the administration's plan, the study is likely to figure in bitter debate over the issue.

"A significant anti-Western urpising in the oil-rich ... kingdom" would be a major blow to Western economic, diplomatic and security interests in the area, the study said.

It said growing U.S. military ties with Saudi Arabia such as the proposed AWACS sales were an important factor in averting this since the Saudis considered such deals "the principal test of U.S. reliability and political com-

Administration spokesman said President Reagan considered the sale essential to the defence of oilfields vital to U.S. interests.

A majority of Congress is already on record as opposing the deal and officials had no illusions about what they described as the 'uphill battle' ahead.

Undersecretary of State James Buckley said the arrangements under which the deal would be made would "enhance the security of all friendly states without jeopardising the interests of any one of them."

As for Israeli concerns about the sale, Mr. Buckley said the administration remained committed to Israel's security and will ensure that Israel maintains its substantial military advantage over potential adversaries."

urgent Arab summit mooted DAMASCUS, Aug. 25 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Col. before a banquet honouring the

Oadhafi confers with Assad:

Muammar Qadhafi met President Hafez Al Assad and other top Syrian officials today, the latest step in a 10-day tour of Arab capitals aimed at presenting a united front against what has been A senior Qadhafi aide has said termed "American aggression" in

the Middle East. Col. Oadhafi arrived in Svria yesterday after visiting the rulers of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and South Yemen, as well as the ruler of the North African nation of Ethiopia.

Together with the five

AWACS, the Saudis will receive

1,177 Sidewinder missiles, aux-

iliary fuel tanks for 62 F-15 jet

fighters, and six KC-707s for

refuelling the F-15s if the deal

In Tel Aviv, Israeli officials

reiterated their opposition today

goes through.

The Libyan leader, flanked by his foreign minister, Ali Abdelsalam Tureiki, and another top adviser, Abdel Ati Obeidi, conferred with Mr. Assad and senior officials in Syria's ruling Baathist Party. Col. Qadhafi and Mr. Assad had a private talk last night

Libyan leader. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the

to the proposed arms sale to Saudi

AWACS would dangerously

weaken Israel's defences and dis-

rupt the Middle East balance of

"We will make our position

But he declined to say whether

the Israeli government would seek

to mobilize the Jewish-American

lobby in an effort to block the sale

While loudly condemning the

The reasons for this were

proposed deal, Israel so far had

avoided a direct clash with

Reagan administration.

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to the American public," one offi-

The officials charged that sale of

Palestine Liberation Organisation, came to Damascus yesterday, but so far there has been no official word on his expected meeting with Col. Qadhafi. - -

that the Libyan leader was working on plans for an emergency Arab summit "to discuss America's aggressive schemes, in addition to oil, the Middle East in general and Lebanon." The aide said the heads of states of Kuwait and the UAE had agreed to par-

ticipate such a summit. Meanwhile in Rome, a Libyan official has predicted there will be other incidents between Libya and the United States and described relations between the countries as a "struggle between good and

"Almost certainly, there will be other episodes like those in the Gulf of Sidra in the future," said Mr. Ali Attiya, information officer for the Libyan peoples bureau, the equivalent of the embassy here. "It is a struggle between good and evil... and evil will try again."

examined today by the left-wing

be to fight and lose. But when the

rival is a friendly U.S. president at

the height of his prowess and who

is likely to turn vengeful if he suf-

fers a first defeat caused by Israel

it would not be good even to win

Three years ago the American-

Jewish lobby lost in a fierce clash

with the administration of former

president Jimmy Carter over the

sale of F-15 fighter-bombers to

The encounter scarred

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keen to repeat.

Mr. Attiya also said Libya could permit Warsaw Pact bases on its territory to counter the "arrogance" of the United States in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Attiva said the role of the Soviet Union in the Mediterranean was to "resist the U.S.

arrogance of power." "Those with whom we have friendship and cooperation is not dictated from outside, and we have the liberty to defend ourseives as we wish," Mr. Attiva said.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

### Iran, Iraq exchange POWs at Larnaca airport

GENEVA, Aug. 25 (R) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) supervised the exchange of 45 Iraqi and 40 Iranian prisoners in Cyprus today, the Swiss-based committee announced. Among the prisoners exchanged at Larnaca airport were a number of severely wounded soldiers and some civilian detainees. An ICRC spokesman said former Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Javad Tondguyan, captured by Iraq during the Gulf conflict last Oct. 31, was not among the prisoners exchanged today. The minister was still in detention in Iraq, he added. The Red Cross organised a similar exchange of 42 prisoners between Iran and Iraq on June 16, also at Larnaca airport.

### Sadat regime confiscates leading opposition paper

CAIRO, Aug. 25 (R) - Police confiscated the opposition Socialist Labour Party (SLP) news-paper Al Shaab today and SLP leader Ibrahim Shukri said the action could be connected with the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Mr. Shukri said he had written the main article in today's issue of the weekly under the title "No to Begin's visit". "It could be related," he said. The party appealed to a Cairo court but the public prosecutor's confiscation order was upheld, SLP officials said. "Al Shaab's editor, Hamed Zeidan, said this week's articles "were no more than an expression of the party's well-known line and manifesto."

### Archaeologists protest at ban on digs at King David's city

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (R) -Israel's leading archaeologists and scholars today attacked a ban by the country's chief rabbis on excavations to uncover the site of the ancient city of King David and called on the Knesset (parliament) to condemn it. Prof. Binyamin Mazar, a former Hebrew University rector and noted archaeologist, told a press conference there was no basis in the rabbinical decision last week to ban further work at the western Jerusalem dig because it had been a cemetery in biblical times and was

therefore a sacred site. 'Work on King David's city has been in progress for almost 20 years and there has never been any evidence that the site was used as a cemetery in any era," Prof. Mazar said. "We urge the rabbinate to reconsider its decision and for the knesset to condemn this attempt to interfere with an important project."

### Arab League receives formal Lebanese request for summit

TUNIS, Aug. 25 (R) - Lebanon has formally asked the Arab League to call a summit meeting to discuss the Lebanese situation, Arab League sources said today. The Lebanese request was delivered by Lebanese presidential envoy Ghassan Touini to Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi in Tunis last night, they added.

### U.K. aide to visit Cairo to discuss arms production

CAIRO, Aug. 25 (R) — British Defence Secretary John Nott will visit Egypt on Sept. 16 for talks on cooperation in arms production, Egyptian defence ministry sources said today. Britain agreed in July to help Egypt produce 120-mm Howitzers and a contract for technical assistance in replacing the guns on Egypt's Soviet-made T-62 tanks is under negotiation, they said.

### U.S. firm refuses to enter partnership with Israel

TEL AVIV. Aug. 25 (A.P.) — The American engineering firm Pratt and Whitney has refused to go into partnership with Israel in producing an engine for a new Israeli fighter plane, the Maariv newspaper reported today. Earlier press reports said the engine for a new fighter, which Israel planned to introduce at the end of this decade to replace its Kfir jet, was to be produced at Bet Shemesh Engines, in a factory outside occupied Jerusalem with technical know-how from the U.S. firm. The defence ministry had no comment on the Maariv report, which gave no reasons for the American firms's decision. Originally, the American firm was to enter into limited partnership with Bet Shemesh engines, but now, will only sell the Israeli company the technology to build the engine itself, Maariv said.

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## BY MID-1982

# Jordan adopts syllabus for education and rehabilitation of handicapped



By Dina Matar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — By mid-1982, a first-of-its-kind syllabus for the education and rehabilitation of the mentally handicapped will have been adopted in Jordan.

A committee of special education experts is currently busy putting forward plans and ideas for the project, funded by the Jor-danian National Committee for the International Year of the disabled. The project aims at educating and rehabilitating mentally handicapped people by offering them those basic educational skills from which they have been deprived for a long time.

Since no unified syllabus has ever been exercised out at special

ever been carried out at special education centres in the country, the programme first aims at qual-ifying teachers dealing with the mentally attacked both inside or outside the classroom.

Although the programme stresses the academic aspect of education for the handicapped, it places special emphasis on the development of the sensory and motor skills of the children.
"Some handicapped children

need help, because they do not know how to walk, eat, or even speak properly," Dr. Fawzi Daoud, the project's supervisor,

The implementation of the project would be great help to centres catering for the mentally handicapped, since until now each centre has been using a different curriculum, and the situation has been chaotic. "Workers at special education centres in Jordan have been following their common sense in these matters," Dr. Daoud told the Jordan Times, adding that this "has led to some The proposed curriculum will

be comprehensive, in the sense that it will serve the different degrees of mental disability, as well as the various age groups of the disabled. "Of course, we will not expect much at the very beginning," Dr. Daoud said," but we will modify the syllabus to suit the needs of our (disabled) children, so as to get the maximum feedback."

To ensure the programme's success, its supervisors intend to test it, and then to compare

final version that will be useful for. all the mentally handicapped in

The first stage has been already completed, and data on the number of the mentally handicapped and, the centres accommodating them in Jordan have been collected and analysed.

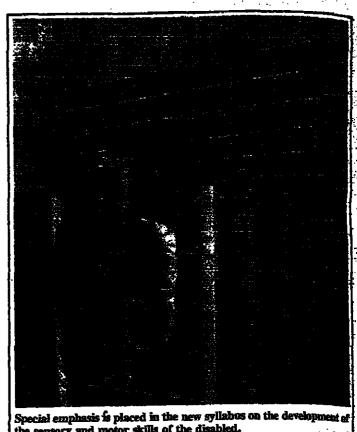
Dr. Daoud expressed his regret that there are only eight centres. for special education throughout the country. Only 500 mentally handicapped children are now receiving treatment and guidance, out of the estimated total of 20,000 mentally handicapped in the country.

The syllabus itself has been out-

lined with special emphasis on developing the auditory, visual, and manipulative skills of the disabled. Although vocational training is one of the ultimate aims of the education of the mentally handicapped, the syllabus does not emphasise its importance. However, plans for its implementation will be discussed in the second stage. "At the moment, we would like to offer the mentally disabled fundamental education. so that he or she can manage without the help of others," Dr. Daoud

said. Although, the mentally handicapped would always need supervision and guidance, some cases have been able to live a fairly satisfactory life, he added.

One of the problems facing supervisors and specialists in special education is the lack of qualified and well-trained teachers for the education of the mentally handicapped. Although no formal training for teachers has been offered in the country, the University of Jordan has started a two-year programme, and the first batch of its students graduated this year, and are now working in the field. The Community College for Social Work also has started a two-year course, taken after secondary school, for an intermediate diploma in the field. But, Dr. Daoud said, teachers will be offered in-service training in special education centres after the new syllabus has been implemented, "Although the syllabus would only be a drop in the ocean for the mentally handicapped in our country, I hope that in a few years' time people would be more oriented towards helping out in every possible way," he added.





The programme's first aim is to qualify teachers dealing with th



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| 18:50 Abu Dhabi                 | 18:50 |
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| EMERGENCIES                                            |  |  |
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| Zarqa:                                                 |  |  |
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**CULTURAL CENTRES** 

American Centre ...

### French Cultural Centre .... 37009 Goethe Institute ..... 41993 Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 44203 Spanish Cultural Centre .... 24049 Turkish Cultural Centre ... 39777

## SERVICE CLUBS

Y.W.M.A. 64251 Amman Municipal Library 36111

University of Jordan Library

| CENTIOE CEODS                                                                                                       |
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| Lions Philadelphia Club, Meetings<br>every second and fourth Wed-<br>nesday at the Grand Palace Hotel,<br>1.30 p.m. |
| Lions Amman Club. Meetings<br>every first and third Wednesday at<br>the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30                |
| p.m.<br>Rotary Club. Meetings every                                                                                 |

### Thursday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30p.m.

## MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costurnes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Yearround. Tel. 23316 Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tues-days. Tel. 37169 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fri-

days and official holidays 10.00 'a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection

of paintings by 19th Century orien-

talist artists. Muntazah, Jabal

Luweibdeh, Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays Tel.

# **PRAYER TIMES**

## LOCAL **EXCHANGE** RATES

| Saudi riyal    | 98,8/99.6   |
|----------------|-------------|
| Lebanese pound |             |
| Syrian pound   | 55.5/56.3   |
| Iraqi dinar    | 730/737.5   |
| Kuwaiti dinar  | 1191.6/1200 |
| Egyptian pound | 380/388     |
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| UAE dirham     | 92/92      |
|----------------|------------|
| Omani riyal    |            |
| U.S. dollar    |            |
| U.K. sterling  |            |
| W. German mark |            |
| - Swiss franc  | 155.9/156. |
| Italian live   |            |

| 2.8. | (for every 100)                 | 27.1/2/-            |
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| 6.3  | Swedish crown                   | 64,0/04.7           |
| 6.4  | Belgium franc                   | 84.6/85.2           |
| 6.8  | Japanese ven                    |                     |
|      | Japanese yen<br>(for every 100) | 148.2/149.4         |
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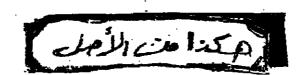
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| Civil Defence rescue                         | 61111        |
| Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)        | 36381-2      |
| Municipal water service (emergency)          | 37111-3      |
| Police headquarters                          | 39141        |
| Najdeh roving patrol rescue police, (English | spoken       |
| 24 hours a day for emergency 2111            | 1, 37777     |
| Airport information (ALIA) 922               | 05/92206     |
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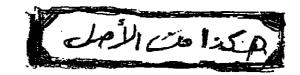
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| Telephone:                                                                                                                 |            |
| Information Jordan and Middle East trunk calls Overseas radio and satellite calls Telephone maintenance and repair service | ********** |

## **MARKET PRICES**

| Tomatoes 60          | 40  | Bar  |
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| Eggplant             | 80  | - Ap |
| Potatoes (imported)  | 80  | Ap   |
| Marrow (small) 190   | 120 | Ap   |
| Marrow (large) 120   | 80  | Αp   |
| Cucumber (small)     | 120 | Ap   |
| Cucumber (large)120  | 80  | Me   |
| Fagqous 120          | 80  | Wa   |
| Peas                 | 200 | Pla  |
| Okra (Green)         | 220 | Pio  |
| Okra (Red)280        | 220 | ÄD   |
| Muloukhiyah 80       | 50  | Cir. |
| Hot Green Pepper 120 | 80. | Let  |
| Cabbage              | 70  | -Ora |
| Onions (dry)         | 70  | Ora  |
| Garlic 550           | 500 | Gra  |
| Carrots 130          | 90  | Gra  |
| Potatoes (local) 120 | 80  | Fig  |
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## e mathematics of money: daba's new team faces hurdles

mmad Ayish the Jordan Times

Aug. 25 - The d municipal council ic Jordanian city will k on a package of rogrammes, most of mong the issues conthe election camile the city's citizens dergarten project and, far more dent of the new important, with the sewerage prom's ability to put ject, which has not yet seen the ammes into effect, lieve that budgetary ould pose a problem. mical and adminisen of the municipality

shortages of manvell as of technical 1 it needs to be radtured," the city's new hmad Azaydeh, told Times. The Madaba uncil intends to seek that regard from the tific Society and the nning Council, as well vate institutions, he such moves might reation of new posmunicipality, he

Action Bloc, to which belongs, threw its lections ring, it drew ramme of action= ow that the elections n, Mr. Azaydeh said, ties will be main-

pay considerable the city's sanitary nich a way that each he city can enjoy a ohere," he said. He he other priority his uncil stresses is that eds in good condition receives its 1982 the remaining four is year, the city will ailable financial the maintenance of rather than the conew ones, he said.

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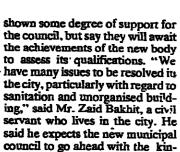
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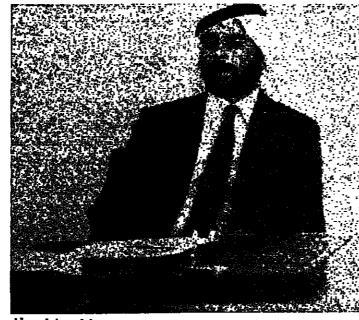
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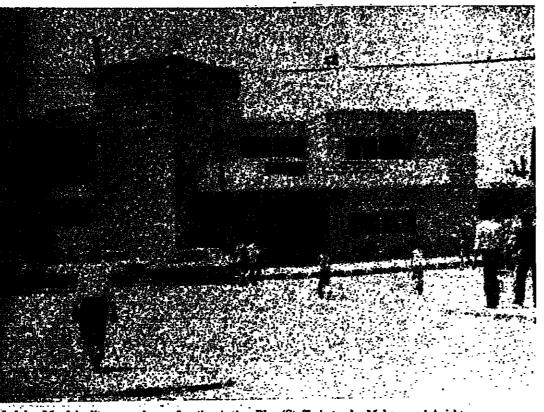
was elected by a sizof Madaba citizens reat hopes they place said Mr. Juma' Mifd that the choice of as mayor was a right "it is the first time nalified person takes 's administration." adaba citizens have.



light of day. Another Madaba citizen, Mr. Mustafa Ma'ay'a, said he expects the council to fulfill its election programme as well as possible within the existing limitations. Although he does not think that all the problems that figured in the election will be resolved, he said he believes that at least something should be done on those "with extreme importance."







Madaba Municipality, new home for the Action Bloc (Staff photos by Mohammad Ayish) Momani meets

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ibrahim meets U.S. envoy

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim today met with the recently appointed American ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Richard N. Viets. During the meeting, they discussed topics of common interest to Jordan

Telecoms project under way

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — Director General of Tele-communication Mohammad Shahed Ismail has said that the rural telecommunications project has entered the phase of implementation, and it is expected to be completed in 1983. Mr. Ismail said that an integrated working team representing French companies is currently conducting the final survey to determine the positions and lines related to the project under the supervision of another working team made up of the authority's advisers and specialised engineers. He said the project will provide telephones and modern electronic communications services to no less than 266 cities and villages in the northern and central areas of the country. The JD 40 million project will be financed according a Jordanian-French protocol, he said.

Law programme said threatened

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (J.T.) — Al Ra'i newspaper reported today that the school of law at the University of Jordan may be forced to cancel its masters degree programme for this year, because of a shortage of qualified faculty. Informed sources at the school of law have pointed out the difficulty of registering new students for the masters degree at the school of law this year, the paper said.

FAO/WFP team tours Irbid

IRBID, Aug. 25 (Petra) — A delegation representing the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) today toured Irbid Governorate to get acquainted with agricultural projects in the area. The team heard a report from officials of the Irbid Governorate Agriculture Directorate on projects currently under way, particularly the highlands development project, which will benefit 4,096 farmers in various regions of the governorate.

Visiting Arab children leave

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — Children of Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Oman, guests of Her Majesty Queen Noor, today left Amman for their own countries after taking part in the Common Arab Heritage week here. Supervisors of these delegations, expressing their thanks to the Queen, asserted that the success of the meeting represents a true reinforcement: of relations among Arab coun-

Iraqi awqaf team here

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — A delegation from the Iraqi ministry of awqaf and Islamic affairs, headed by Mr. Mohammad Omar Gardani, yesterday arrived in Amman for a visit to Jordan. During the visit, the delegation will hold talks with officials at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic affairs on ways of reinforcing relations between the two ministries. The Jordanian ministry has prepared a programme for the visiting delegation to visit a number of Islamic and archaeological sites.

### Qasem shuffles diplomatic posts

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem has decided to transfer a number of diplomats from the ministry office to Jordanian embassies abroad, and to return others to Amman,

Those affected include Minister Plenipotentiary Mazen Nashashibi, to go to London; Counsellor Talai Al Hassan to become general consul in Dubai; and Counsellor Faysal Khurshid to go to Tripoli.

First Secretary Walid Al Ramahi is transferred from Abu Dhabi to Dubai. The transers are effective as from Sept. 15.

## Living cost said to drop 2% in June

pared to May, according to Al Ra'i

living was reductions in the prices of foodstuffs by 1.9 per cent; fruits and vegetables by 13.2 per cent, and medical care by 1.3 per cent, and came despite the rise in the

The department also announced, however, that the cost of living in June was by 15.3 per cent higher than in June 1980, and 99.3 per cent higher than in June

## **Dutch civil** aviation team arrives

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — A Netherlands aviation delegation under the Dutch director general of civil aviation arrived in today Amman for an official visit to Jordan which will last several days. They will hold talks with Jordanian officials on cooperation in civil aviation.

Meanwhile, the Czechoslovak civil aviation authority has expressed its preparedness to hold bilateral talks with Jordan to conclude an agreement on air transport between the two countries. The Czechoslavak authority has sent a memo to this effect, to the Civil Aviation Department, which in turn expressed its desire to hold such talks.

He added that three European experts will be sent to the ministry The Civil Aviation Department will participate in meetings of the The ministry obtained an EEC air transport committee of the credit for the Development Bank Arab Civil Aviation Council for Municipalities and Village which will be held in Rabat in the first week of October.

## Councils, he added. **UNICEF** to support rural drinking water, environmental health

projects with WSC

**EEC** delegate

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) -Minister of Municipal and Rural

Affairs and the Environment Has-

san Al Momani today met with

European Economic Community

(EEC) Delegate Thomas O'sul-

livan. Mr. Momani said later that

the EEC is ready to endow scho-

larships for ministry staff in organ-

isation and regional and environ-

to advise it in these areas.

mental planning.

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has expressed its readiness to contribute equipment needed for drinking water and environmental health pro-

jects in Jordan, it was announced today.

UNICEF will contribute JD 200,000, while the Water Supply Corporation (WSC) will allocate JD 255,000, for this purpose. The projects are expected to be completed within the next two

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani today discussed with UNICEFs regional director the possibility of UNICEF participation in these projects. They also discussed the northern badia water project, to which UNICEF has contributed \$800,000 and the WSC JD 1.1 million. The first phase of the project will be completed at the end of this

The UNICEF official said his organisation has obtained JD 4 million from the Kuwaiti development fund to finance its projects.

## **CAEU** aide to Tunis for round of Arab meetings

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) - The assistant secretary general of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), Mr. Nasouh Al Barghouthi, left Amman for Tunis today to represent the CAEU general secretariat at meetings of the seven-member committee of Arab organisations which will

with the Arab League.

begin in Tunis tomorrow. During the meetings, the committee will discuss proposals related to chapter six of the Arab League draft law regarding the relationship of Arab organisations

Mr. Barghouthi will also represent the CAEU at the meetings of the Arab Economic and Social Council on the ministerial and experts level. The meetings will begin on Aug. 30.

He will also participate in the meetings of the extraordinary session of the Arab League Council, which will begin in the first week of September to discuss the new draft law of the Arab League. He will then attend the ordinary session of the Arab League Council which will follow the extraordinary session.

Upper House Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni hands out certificates to Wasfieb Centre vocational training graduates in Amman Tuesday night, shortly

after his return from the meetings of the Arab Parliamentary Union in Damascus. (Petra photo)

## Talhouni back from APU session on Lebanon crisis

RAMTHA, Aug. 25 (Petra) — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni and his delegation returned to Jordan from Damas-AMMAN, Aug. 25 (J.T.) — The cus this morning after participating in meetings of Department of Statistics has the heads of Arab parliaments, and the 11th Arab announced that the cost of living Parliamentary Union (APU) meeting held in Bluindex for June this year has dan on Aug. 22 and 23. dropped by two per cent com- Mr. Talhouni told ... Petra, the Jordan News

Agency, in Ramtha that during the meetings, the participants discussed the question of a unified The department said that the Arab stand at the meetings of the International cause of the drop in the cost of Parliamentary Union which will begin in Havana on Sept. 13.

Mr. Talhouni added that the APU formed committees of the heads of Arab parliaments, including Jordan, with the aim of cleansing the Arab atmosphere and strengthening Arab solidarity.

He said the union's council expressed its extreme concern over Israel's policy of violence in the region as well as its escalation of aggression of Lebanon, particularly on the country's southern areas. They denounced Israel's "barbarous compaign of annihilation against innocent citizens," Mr.

## Ministerial development team price of cigarettes by 12.4 per cent and transportation by 4.7 per cent. meets on water, sewerage plans

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — The ministerial development committee held a three-hour meeting this afternoon under Prime Minister Mudar Badran.

The committee reviewed water and sewerage projects in various parts of the country, and the practical steps taken as well as the stages of these projects' implementation.

During the meeting, agreement was reached to expedite the completion of water and sewerage projects in various areas of Amman, and sewerage networks in the adjoining areas and municipalities. It was also decided that the Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) should undertake the responsibility for the projects' implementation, both in Amman and in the suburbs.

The committee also discussed the question of the water and sewerage projects in several other cities, and requested the Water Supply Corporation (WSC) to

## JTV orders transmitters from Britain

LONDON, Aug. 25 (J.T.) — The Jordan Television Corporation has ordered a number of VHF television transmitters for use in transmitting programmes on its two channels as part of the expansion planned by the corporation.

The order includes the latest Marconi VHF transmitters, with aerials, and other accessories. These systems are due to start operation early next year.

The systems are made by Marconi Communication Systems of Britain, whose engineers will undertake the task of installing the systems before they are officially handed over to the TV corporation.

implement these projects according to plan. Agreement was also reached on

the need for the Ministry of Finance and National Planning Council secure the necessary funds for these projects.

The meeting was attended, in

addition to the members of the ministerial development committee, by the ministers of the interior, health and municipal and rural affairs and the environment: the mayor of Amman; the director general of the WSC, and the acting director general of AWSA.

## Arabsat board meets next month in Tunis

the Arab Satellite Communications Organisation (Arabsat), which will be held in Tunis early next month.

The director general of the Telecommunications Corporation and head of the Jordanian delegation to the session, Mr. Mohammad Shahed Ismail, has said that during the session, the board will

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) — ing station and all questions Jordan will participate in the 18th related to ground stations which session of the board of directors of would be established in Arab countries to enable them to communicate via the Arab satellite.

Mr. Ismail added that the participants would also discuss the programme for payments of installments due from member states, to enable Arabsat fulfil its financial commitments to the manufacturing company.

During the four-day session, the board will also discuss the progdiscuss questions related to the ress of work in the space telebest location of the satellite track- communications sector.

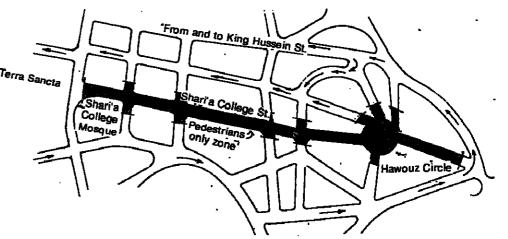
## Committee formed to lay plans for league of sports journalists

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (Petra) - A preparatory committee for a Jordanian sports journalists' league has been formed, including Mr. Nazmi Al Sa'id of the Jordanian Broadcasting Service; Mr. Mohammad Jamil Abdul Kader of Jordan Television; Mr. Samir Janakat of Al Ra'i newspaper, Mr. Mohammad Ali Al Shanti of Al Dustour newspaper; Mr. Salim Hamdan of Al Am Al Rivadah magazine: Mr. Abdul Mun'im Abu Touq of Al Riyadhi magazine, and Mr. Samih Haddad of Petra, the Jordan News Agency.

The formation of the committee was announced at the end of a meeting between the president of the Jordanian Press Association, Mr. Mahmoud Al Kayed, and sports journalists working in radio, television and the press.

Mr. Kayed said sports news has begun to occupy a prominent place in the daily newspapers alongside the local and international news in terms of significance. He also pointed out the significance of a sports journalists' league which would join the Asian and world sports unions to strengthen the propagation of Arab sports information.

## Jabal Luweibdeh street to become evening pedestrian mall Thursday



Map showing the municipality's plan for an evening pedestrian zone in Jahal Luweibdeh

AMMAN, Aug. 25 (J.T) — Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni said today it has been decided to close to traffic the area between the Sharr'a College Mosque and the Sanabal bakeries in Jabal Luweibdeh from 5 to 12 p.m. each night, leaving it open to pedestrians only, beginning this Thursday.

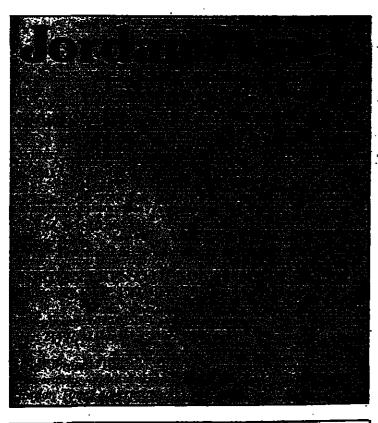
Mr. Ajlouni added that Shahid Street in Jabal

Al Taj will be closed similarly in the evenings

is currently studying the possibility of allocating other streets in all Amman areas for evening pedestrian use.

beginning on Thursday. He said the municipality

Mr. Ajlouni explained that this step comes as a result of the success of the recent experiment with the procedure in Jabal Hussein.



## Bombs away!

THE FORMAL notification of Congress by the Reagan administration that it wants to sell Saudi Arabia a package of sophisticated military equipment, notably the five AWACS planes, will set off a few months of intense politicking for and against the deal. As we were with the original sale of American F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia several years ago, we are confident that the package will be approved by Congress. American lawmakers are certifiably infantile when it comes to Israel and the Arab World - but they are not quite so stupid as to deny an armaments package to a country that almost single-handedly props up the Western economic world. Even the American Congress has enough sense to know where its national interests lie.

But there is a question we would like to hear answered sometime during the coming debate. U.S. Undersecretary of State James Buckley said a few days ago that the American administration remains committed to Israel's security and "will ensure that Israel maintains its substantial military advantage over potential adversaries." We understand why Mr. Buckley has to say these things and we do not now hold him accountable for things that he will someday have to explain fully to his Maker. Yet our question to the American administration is the following: Could we please have a clear definition of what constitutes Israeli "security"? Is there a parallel commitment to the security of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and other Arab states? Does the commitment to Israeli security include American financing of the Israeli occupation and colonisation of the West Bank and Gaza?

These are the basic questions that we would like answered by the American government. If Mr. Buckley's words are understood properly, the United States will always maintain Israel's ability to bomb any part of the Arab World with total impunity. What kind of price are we all being asked to pay for approval of the Saudi arms package?

## **ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY**

AL RA'I: In his address to the National Consultative Council (NCC) yesterday Prime Minister Mudar Badran explained that the international community shows a great deal of understanding of the dangers of the aggressive Israeli plan to open the Med-Dead canal, and that the Jordan's diplomatic efforts to resist the plan are finding a big response in the various international and regional quarters -- as was evident in the recent international energy conference held in Nairobi.

The states participating in the conference condemned this plan and called on Israel to abandon the idea for good.

In addition to the unanimity of the international community's rejection of the project, some studies, including studies by Israeli experts, have proven that this project is not economically viable because of the high cost needed for its implementation and the big

damage which it might cause. However, the enemy government, which is used to violating international consensus, is going ahead with the implementation of this project, challenging the world's public opinion and the views of its economic experts. Furthermore, it is organising a fundraising campaign in the United States and Western Europe to collect the necessary funds for the project. Naturally, this reveals

that the motives behind the project are more than just economic. Mr. Badran also explained part of the Israei objectives when he linked the Zionist entity's nuclear plans, including the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, with the Begin government's insistance on the implementation of the project. This would allow the enemy, as the prime minister said, to build more nuclear reactors.

Needless to say, the United States, which is talking about the need to keep nuclear weapons away from the area, knows well Israel's nuclear plans and is offering it all forms of support.

We have the right to cast doubt on Washington's seriousness about rejecting the aggressive Med-Dead canal as well as the seriousness of the pressure which Washington claims it is exercising on Israel to prompt it to abandon the project. The project is actually being implemented with the full knowledge and support

Perhaps Washington realises that, by doing so, it is adding a new reason to the dozens of reasons which create a barrier of nonconfidence between itself and the Arab Nation.

AL DUSTOUR: The meeting between Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat in Alexandria today takes place under circumstances which raise more than one question mark on the relations between Cairo and Tel Aviv and on the future of Camp David in general.

The autonomy negotiations will not be the only subject which the two sides will differ on. There are also differences on the progress of the process of normalisation between the two coun-

Israel is not satisfied with Cairo's attitude, and is hinting that it might stop the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai next April unless the normalisation process achieves tangible progress in the fields of tourism, commerce and culture.

Undoubtedly the threat to stop the withdrawal from Sinai is the biggest pressure put on Sadat so far in order to obtain from him the required concessions. He is now captive to the completion of the Israeli withdrawal and he is eager not to obstruct this withdrawal regardless of how high the price is.

The Israeli goal is clear, namely to prompt Sadat to approve the resumption of the autonomy talks as soon as possible. Furthermore, Begin wants Egypt to renege on its call to have the PLO participate in the talks. Begin, however, will not carry with him to Cairo the approval of the leaders of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on the autonomy, because all the people Mr. Sharon met were unanimous on their adherence to establish an independent Palestinian state with the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

## SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

## Consumer protection

THE RELATIONSHIP between the suggested consumer protection society and the official authorities is one of follow-up and feedback on the part of the former. As the official authorities enforce adherence to the regulations regarding the basic specifications of the products, the society goes into the details of the suitability of the article for its intended use, and advises the public and the authorities to that effect.

The official authorities lay out the standard specifications to which the product in the market is supposed to conform. Although a lot has been achieved in this respect, the range of items covered and the depth of the specifications have been limited, in view of the newness of this activity and the shortage of the necessary staff and resources.

The general specifications of the product vary within the

boundaries of the national standard specifications: And as the monitoring of the national specifications is the prerogative of the authorities, that of the general specifications is the task of the consumer protection society. The role of the government is one of enforcement of the regulations, while that of the society is one of advising and recommending.

The society will have the task of following-up on the quality of the marketed items. Any variation in the quality or the price should be reported. It should also set out logical practices, convey the results of the public's trial of the products, and compile statistics on consumers' opinions and satisfaction. Any complaints will be recorded and dealth with by the society, or referred to the concerned channels. This will give confidence to local consumers and to tourists, who will

be encouraged to do their

shopping comfortably. These achievements might prove to be helpful in subduing inflation and stimulating competition among the producers.

The proposed society will observe agricultural produce, and advise on the grading of the fruits and vegetables and on the means of getting the best buys in the various locations. It will keep an eye on the consumption of meat, poultry and fish, especially those imported. or frozen. It will also advise on

liquid or powdered milk, children's food, canned food, confectionery, bread, pastry and bottled drinks, including their ingredients and any sideeffects resulting from their consumption. The society will inform the public of the nutritional value of the foodstuff, and on possible substitutes for low-income people or for people with dietary restrictions. The public will be kept aware of the conditions prevailing in the marketplace and in the restaurants.

(Part 3 of 3)

The clothing and textile industry will have to be scrutinised by the society. Advice on the cloth, leather or other fabrics should be provided with pertinent information as to their suitability for the summer or winter season, for formal, business, casual or luxury clothes and for children's clothes. Reports on colour-fast. materials, latest fashions, proper tailoring, special uniforms and comfort of shoes should be compiled by the society. The society will also advise on items for personal use such as soap, shaving creams, razors, toiletries, perfumes and cologues, shampoos, beauty products and babies' requisites.

The society's activities should also encompass household articles. Home furniture,

kitchenware, fridges, washing machines, ovens, tableware, silverware, television sets, video and audio equipment and garden tools; are only a few of the items to be listed on the agenda of the society. Office furniture and stationery should also be monitored, as well as a myriad other products such as cars, building materials, gas and petrol.

The society will have the task of reporting on the availability of the spare-parts for the manufactured products, and on the after-sale service offered by the dealers. It will report on the discounts, sales and bargains in the various stores; and will caution the public against any mishaps. Advertisements in television and newspapers or otherwise should be monitored in order to detect any inconsistency between the content of the advertisement and what is actually given to the consumer.

Travellers to other count too will appreciate the st dance of the society on what buy abroad and where to buy The establishment of a co

sumer protection society lordan is important since

directly affects every individu in the country. No doubt such body will meet difficulties the course of its operation.

The financing of ani large-scale enterprise throw many questions at h merits of launching it in first place. The society will a be vulnerable to failing into hands of some business. who will try to steer it to fa own advantage. It might faced with strong oppositi by its actions. However, its vival in Jordan will have depend on its ability to ten facilities and benefits to consumers, and on the point

adopts to attain this aim.

## **LETTERS**

## The forgotten airport

To the Editor

I refer to the problems of Amman Airport, now being highlighted

It strikes me that one way to ameliorate the problem is to make more intensive use of Aqaba Airport which is being sadly underutilised at the moment.

In particular, I think, that most of the flights to Baghdad and to Cairo should be routed through Aqaba instead of through Amman, with only a maximum of one flight a day into and from

All transit passengers going through Jordan between Baghdad and Cairo should be routed through Aqaba. Even for locally emanating traffic, JET could provide more services, and these costs could be absorbed in the airticket.

If a shuttle service is provided by air between Aqaba and Amman, more international services can be routed to Aqaba, say

Since some tourist services go direct to Aqaba anyway, this airport has the infra-structure to handle international traffic. I also feel that the Aqaba-Cairo route would be shorter and would cost the airlines less.

Baghdad would also welcome a direct route to Aqaba in view of their use of that port.

> A. Rajagopalan P.O. Box 35027

## The heavy smokers

To the Editor

Dr. Majdi Sabri forgot to mention in his article entitled "ceteris paribus", Jordan Times, Aug. 6, some facts about the 5-year development plan dicussions which have been concluded recently.

I was there, I took a dose of it and I am still suffering. I am talking about smoke.

Jordanians, you may have noticed, are amongst the heaviest smokers on earth; but our air-conditioning designers are still using standard design based upon data books written elsewhere. The result is an adequate air-conditioning systems for "normal" smokers, but not for the "official" Jordanian smoker.

In short, I wish to make modest suggestions and alternatives:

1 - Installation of chemical works extractor fans, or 2 - Removing walls and roof of conference halls, i.e. to conduct

sessions in fresh air. 3 - Provide special gas masks for non-smokers, or best of all

- Stage an anti-smoking campaign, and 5 - Provide alternatives: chewing tobacco, or nicotine pills, etc.

> Sa'ad Barakati <u>Amman</u>

## Guarding against a spill over of Polish troubles

## The Czechs take no chances

A clampdown on Czech dissidents, a spy scandal in Austria, and a general tension between Prague and Vienna suggest that the Czech government is trying to immunise itself against the infection of reform in Poland.

By Paul Lendvai

VIENNA: Sharp attacks by the Czechoslovak press on Austria and the West, together with a squeeze on dissidents inside the country, have prompted speculation that the government in Prague is deeply worried in case reforms in Poland spill over on to Czechoslovak soil.

Next week's anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia on the night of August 20, 1968 could well be concentrating minds in Prague.

The planned state visit of Dr. Gustav Husak, Czechoslovak president and Communist Party chief, to Austria this autumn is now unlikely to take place, halting a process of normalisation in relations that has been slow in the extreme.

The Czechoslovak moves have aroused protests in Austria, West. Germany and France, and seem to long efforts to improve its international standing.

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A series of political trials is at the centre of the present row. In addition, controversy over the case of the alleged Czechoslovak secret agent, Mr. Josef Hodic, has

cast a shadow over Czech-Austrian relations, if hints from Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Dr. Willibald Pahr, Austria's foreign minister, are to be believed.

The Hodic affair has become a cause celebre in Austria. He came to Vienna late in 1977 posing as a persecuted civil rights activist and one of the 1,100 signatories of the famous "Charter 77" manifesto. Mr. Hodic had been a Lt-General in the Czech army, and a lecturer at the Political-Military Academy in Prague.

He managed to develop a career in Austria surprisingly rapidly. Not only did he become an Austrian citizen within a year, but be was given a contract and later a iob at a small institute for international affairs, preparing reports for the government.

After disappearing from Vie-nna, Hodic resurfaced on July 2 at a televised Press conference in Prague portrayed as a highly successful collaborator of the Czechoslovak counterintelligence services. His children had been left behind in Czechoslovakia, and Chancellor Kreisky and some others are convinced that he had been forced to spy and then to return to Prague.

Nevertheless, high officials in have damaged the country's year-, the Austrian Federal Chancery are at a loss to explain why the Prague authorities have decided to give maximum publicity to the

> While the Austrian media and Parliament were still busy on the Hodic affair, news emerged of the trial in Prague of Mr. Rudolf Bat-.tek, a 57-year-old sociologist. He was sentenced to sevenand-a-half years prison, the harshest sentence pronounced against a dissident since the Soviet-led invasion in August

As Mr. Battek is a selfproclaimed socialist who in 1978 wrote letters to Dr. Kreisky, Willy Brandt, the German Socialist Party chairman, and Olof Palme, former Swedish premier, his case received much wider publicity in Europe than the trial of Mr. Jiri Gruntorad, a 28-year-old building worker two weeks earlier. Gruntorad was sentenced to four years for his involvement in the publication and dissemination of underground political literature.

At least 18 more people, 10 of them in jail, are expected to be put on trial in the near future on charges of anti-state activities. They include Professor Jiri Hajek, former Czech foreign minister, the wife and brother of Mr. Vaclav Havel, a prominent writer sentenced to four-and-a-half years prison in 1979, journalists, writers

Meanwhile the Czechoslovak Western diplomats are puzzled about the motives for hardening attitudes in Czechoslovakia. It seems to contradict previous loud claims about the high degree of "political sta-. bility".

press has launched sharp attacks against Austria and the West for interfering in Czechoslovak affairs. Rude Pravo, the Prague Communist newspaper, said on the Hodic case that the task of Hodic, a "collaborator of the Czechoslovakia. Czechoslovak counterintelligence service, was not a general policy of retreat directed against Austria, but against the slanderous activity of emigrant circles in Austria" - a distinction of scant comfort to the authorities in Vienna.

To add insult to injury, the Rude Pravo referred to Czechoslovakia's "high-principled peaceful foreign policy" and stressed that it was "worried by the anti-Czechoslovak campaign in the Austrian press."

Such articles, as well as to that the Prague railway ad ration has refused to acc tried to hold up, parcels and to Poles, and that Poles an traveliers have been held certain border crossing for 12 hours, have done not enhance relations between and the West.

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On theory is that there a about a spillover of the reform movement into O lovakia. Last summer the and workers in the Ostran trial region, near to the Czechoslovak borde, reported to be restive.

According to unofficials the judge at the Battek tria ifically referred to the " international situation" and events in Poland as an expli for the stiff sentence.

It is taken for granted the ident Husak, who had b ationing in the Crimes Brezhnev's guest at the time last two trials, consult Kremlin before giving the ahead signal for the spate of The Czechs may well

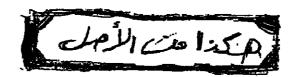
underestimated the interne repercussions, particular France, Germany and A They may pay a high price of the widely held opinion it civil rights movement pos real threat to the regis

With real wages stagnation in investment and production regime probably does not w take any risks. It was saved tanks of the Red Army exactly 13 years ago, and do want the same thing to h again. The crackdown gives of its determination to deal lessly with opponents.

Financial Times news in







# JNRWA youth entres: doors of opportunity

young Palestinian refugees laces recently on Jordan's al football team. They ed their basic training in the at refugee camp youth ies centres jointly estabby the United Nations and Works Agency for

Palestine Refugees in the Near. East (UNRWA) and the World Alliance of Young Men's Chris-

live on radio and television. And regular league games can easily tian Associations (YMCA). draw 8,000. Final football games in which teams from the youth centres in Jordan have played have been

Last autump, in one outburst of enthusiasm, the main highway from Amman to Damascus was closed for several hours as 15,000 attracting as many as 40,000 spec-

tators, and have been broadcast

residents of Baq'a camp, just off the highway, gathered to welcome home their victorious team.

### Centres in 36 camps

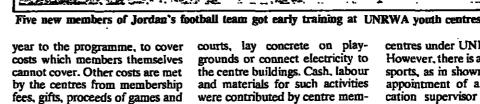
UNRWA's youth activities programme for Palestinian refugees began in 1959. Now there are centres in 36 refugee camps in Jordan, the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In the past year, more than 6,000 young refugees participated in sports, cultural, recreational and scouting activities at the centres.

Many centres are run on a shoestring, as are most UNRWA installations, and equipment and playing fields are often rudimentary. A few centres, however, have earned enough from the proceeds of football games to equip their teams fully.

But the majority of young Palestinian refugees have to learn their football skills on stony patches of land hardly resembling football fields: there is no turf.

In the three areas where the centres exist, administration is the responsibility of the young refugees, who form committees elected by centre members. They are supervised by an UNRWA staff member in each area, and advisory services are provided by the YMCA.

In addition to the salaries of the three UNRWA staff members, the agency allots about \$50,000 a



For UNRWA, the investment is justified by the scheme's general educational value. For young refugees, the centres add interest to what would otherwise be dull

income from fund-raising events.

### Youngsters help themselves

The success of these centres and the enthusiasm of their members have led to many self-help projects. The youngsters have raised money on their own to buy equipment, build basketball

courts, lay concrete on playgrounds or connect electricity to the centre buildings. Cash, labour and materials for such activities were contributed by centre members and the refugee community in which they live.

Besides participating in activities at the centres, the young refugees provide services to their community. These include special programmes for orphans, informal classes for literacy training, tutoring schoolchildren, assisting in cleanliness campaigns, making home visits to sick and elderly camp residents and helping repair the shelters of the elderly and

Because of the civil strife in Lebanon, the country has no such

centres under UNRWA auspices. facilities, will encourage an inter-However, there is a new interest in ity of training. sports, as in shown by the recent appointment of a physical education supervisor for UNRWA schools in Lebanon -- Mr. Nizar Sahely, a physical education graduate of Alexandria University

in Egypt. There are now eight physical education teachers in UNRWA's 82 schools in Lebanon. Mr. Sahely's aim is to have a P.E. specialist in every school with two years, provided UNRWA's education system for refugee children survives the agency's recurrent financial crises. He hopes that the extra staff, along with continued inservice training of P.E. teachers and an upgrading of sports

est in sports and improve the qual-

On a larger scale, a number of Palestinian sports groups have been given wider recognition. These include basketball, weightlifting, body-building, table tennis. and swimming teams which have participated in sports meets in various parts of the world.

These are some of the bare but impressive facts behind the current interest of Palestinian refugees in sports - a trend which is evident wherever an empty lot near a refugee camp can be turned into a makeshift football field for Palestinian boys eager to emulate their televised football heroes.

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sein refugee camp in Amman has an active youth activities centre which the young refugees elped equip themselves (UNRWA photos)

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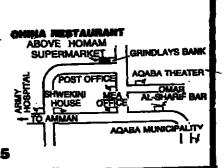
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# Dollar gains ground, gold loses some shine

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — The dollar firmed strongly, gold lost more of last week's shine, and stock markets slumped around the world today as investors adjusted to the gloomy view that U.S. interest rates will remain high for some time.

Last week financial markets were optimistic that U.S. interest rates might be headed downwards from their near-record recent levels so the dollar was weaker and gold stronger than they had been for some time.

But yesterday U.S. markets became convinced there is no prospect for an easing of the central bank's tight anti-inflation monetary policy in the near future, and a huge sell-off pushed the New York stock market's Dow Jones industrial average down 20.46 points to its lowest for a year at 900.11.

Today the Tokyo and Sydney stock markets suffered one of their sharpest setbacks of the year as investors took their cue from\_

traders.

daily Noticias has been reporting

the battle between the city

authorities and traders whom it

described as parasites aspiring to

traders refused to accept new,

lower prices for their wares set by

The dispute began when the

petty bourgeois status.

By Tim Cook

MAPUTO — A price-setting dispute

dubbed the tomato war is underlining

enduring differences between

Mozambique's six-year-old Marxist

government and the capital's private.

For a week the government the Maputo Food Supply Office.

Wall Street and were only interested in selling.

The Tokyo market average crashed by 100 points to 7.817.22 and the Sydney all-ordinaries at the mid-day fixing today as the index shed 12 points to close at 626.4, only 1.4 above its low point of the year. Prices also were easier on the Frankfurt bourse and the London, Hong Kong and Sing-

The dollar benefited from the reversal of sentiment on interest rates and gained further ground on European markets, con-solidating a trend that began late yesterday

The pound sterling was particularly weak and lost three cents, trading at \$1.8285 today compared with 1.8597 at the close yesterday and 1.8430 in New York. Dealers said British interest rates were beginning to look cheap again in relation to U.S. rates, and the pound was overbought last week on prospects of

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in and vegetables were plentiful it

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In Frankfurt, the West German mark sank from 2.4895 to the dollar at the close yesterday to 2.5060 worried Bundesbank sold \$39.15

The French franc weakened to six to the dollar in London from 5.9025 yesterday and the Swiss franc also was lower at 2.1765 from 2.1470 yesterday.

The international gold price slumped to \$406 an ounce as investors deserted the metal for

price by bullion dealers was \$410.50, compared with 419.50 last night and 414.50 in New York. On Friday gold was up to \$431 after a 10-day rally from

The federal funds rate was just below 18 per cent yesterday and dealers said it was difficult to see any light at the end of the tunnel. larger British oil sales after Saudi with all latest signs pointing to Arabia announced plans to cut, continued high interest rates.

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Customers were told to "go and

eat the new prices" or "go and ask

the city council for tomatoes" and,

after the newspaper criticism "go

Before the price cuts traders

boosted their profits by keeping

wholesalers waiting all day with a

truck-load of produce until the

wholesalers, fearing they would be

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agreed to cut prices.

'Tomato war' ravages Mozambique

## U.S. inflation rate up to 15.2%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (R) — The U.S. inflation rate jumped to an annual rate of 15.2 per cent in July, as higher costs for food and housing pushed consumer prices to their highest level in over a year, the government said today.

The consumer price index (CPI), after adjustment for seasonal variation, rose by 1.2 per cent last month following increases of only 0.7 per cent in each of the two preceding months, according to the labour department.

The index had not climbed that rapidly since a 1.4 per cent advance in March last year.

The sharp advance in prices in July was in strong contrast to the relative moderation of the first six. months of the year when prices rose at an annual rate of 8.5 per cent. Last year consumer prices increased 12.6 per cent.

Although many analysts had expected inflation to return to double-digit levels during the month, the size of the increase was a surprise and could deal a severe blow to the Reagan administration's economic strategy.

The administration had been hoping for more encouraging inflation figures to convince the financial markets to bring down interest rates. However, today's report seems likely only to reinforce market pessimism and cause a further decline in the stock and bond markets after the sharp falls yesterday on fears that interest rates will remain high.

In a separate report, the labour department said the purchasing power of the average factory worker's pay fell 0.8 per cent in July because prices rose faster than earnings.

## Lagos, oil firms to meet on prices

The London morning fixing LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — rice by bullion dealers was Nigeria, hardest hit by the present world glut of oil, is asking representatives of major oil companies to a series of meetings on prices and production this week, oil industry sources said today.

Oil company supply executives say they would not be surprised if Nigeria cut its high price of around \$40 a barrel, possibly to \$36.50. following OPEC's failure last week to reunify its price structure.

agree to pay the old prices.

There have been a number of

similar incidents since president

Samora Machel switched

Mozambique to a Marxist

economy after gaining inde-

pendence from Portugal six years

The dispute began when the traders

refused to accept new, lower prices for

their wares. Within a week newspapers

headlined a report that tomato had vir-

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Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani predicted a round of individual price cuts after the 13 OPEC exporters failed to negotiate a collective pricing reshuffle. This would have put all quotes within a narrow \$34 to \$37 band, giving all a more or less equal chance in today's buyers'

A buyer revolt against Nigeria's high price has sent its sales plung-

Fear of the black government's

policies resulted in 250,000

whites, ranging from doctors to

President Machel's government

taxi drivers, fleeing the country.

charged that there had been

economic sabotage by the whites,

including the deliberate des-

truction of machinery and the

smuggling funds out of the

After independence there were

drastic falls in production levels

and serious food shortages in

with former shanty-town dwellers

who moved into accommodation vacated by the fleeing Portuguese.

party was to allow state and pri-

vate enterprise to exist side by side, hoping competition would

bring out the best in both systems. But the private sector had a

head start since it already pos-

The policy of the Frelimo ruling

ms, many of which were

ing from around two million barrels a day (b/d) in January to below 780,000 b/d, industry sources report.

London industry sources said they understood that Gulf Oil and Mobil would be among the first companies to have talks in Lagos.

A Nigerian price cut would put ressure on the \$40 prices asked by Algeria and Libya for similar quality African crude oil.

sessed experienced workers, an

established distribution network

The state system was based on

"people's shops" and consumer

co-operatives. The co-operatives

began as a small-scale initiative by

a group of Maputo residents and

grew until today about half of the

capital's 850,000 residents are

The "peoples shops" were abolished by President Machel

last year because of widespread

corruption. Workers in the shops

gave jobs to friends and family and

the start of rationing for a range of

basic goods such as rice, sugar and

The bread trade became anot-

her victim of the conflict between

the state and private enterprise

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Customers queued for hours out-

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The latest report on the tomato

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to make sure traders charge offi-

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private sectors has ended.

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President Machel announced

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and knowledge of business

## despite U.S. objections GENEVA. Aug. 25 (R) — The their country stayed outside a tre-The likely consequences of a "mini-treaty" excluding the U.S. would be that American mining

Sea law treaty adopted

Law of the Sea Conference said today a sea law treaty would be adopted next spring regardless of any U.S. objections.

Tommy Koh of Singapore said be believed the United States would decide it was in its own best interests to join the treaty, which has been nearly eight years in the

The conference is bogged down by U.S. objections to a chapter dealing with the potentially highly-profitable area of sea-bed mining for manganese, copper, cobalt and nickel.

The Reagan administration believes the proposed chapter would prevent experienced American companies from capitalising on their know-how.

Mr. Koh told reporters he companies would not be happy if cedural impasse.

One sterling

interests would be "sucked away by European and Japanese companies in flag-of-convenience operations, he said.

The treaty's 440 draft articles provide the first legal framework for all aspects of human activity connected with the sea, underwater exploration and territorial

Although previous U.S. gov. ernment delegations helped negotiate it, President Reagan's administration is unhappy with proposed rules.

Mr. Koh said he felt the U.S. delegation had "embarrassed and disappointed" many of its Western allies by what he called its believed U.S. sea-bed mining intrasigence and by creating a pro-

## **LONDON EXCHANGE** RATES

ONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

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7.8660/85 One ounce of gold 409.75/419.75

## **LONDON STOCK MARKET**

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — Share prices closed lower on a broad front in moderate trading as the prospect of no easing in U.S. interest rates led to sharp falls on Wall Street and further dollar strength, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 7.1 at

Industrial leaders saw Unilever down 10p and ICI 8p lower at 272p, while Glaxo, Blue Circle, Beecham and Bowater shed 4p apiece. Oils rallied from a weak start, with gains of 2p apiece in B.P. and Burmah, although Lasmo was down 8p at 579p despite announcing higher profits and a maiden 4p dividend.

Gold shares were up to 350 cents lower as the bullion price eased to around \$410.

Government bonds ended with falls of up to a full point at the longer end and 4 point in shorter maturities as the prospect of continued high dollar interest rates combined with weaker sterling to dampen sentiment, dealers said, selling pressure was light ever, they said, adding news the U.K. total out of work rose to 2.94 million in August had little impact.

Electricals ended lower, although off their worst levels, with falls of 10p apiece in Thorn and GEC, while Lucas added 2p at 225p. Philips Lamps was down 20p at 437p following lower profits reported from Philips. Gloeilampenfabrieken.

Banks ended with falls of 5p to 7p, while Hong Kong Shanghai was a net 2p lower following improved interim earnings.

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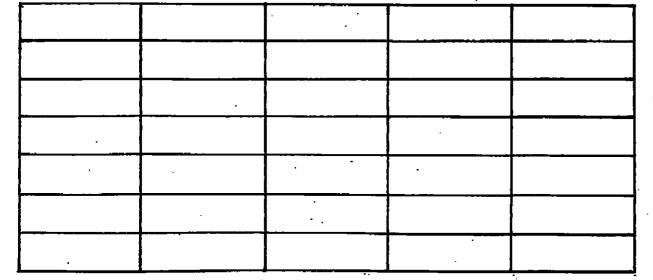
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## LOST DOGS

Two dogs have gone missing as of Aug. 25. One brown Pekinese, the other Tibetan terrier, black and white. The dogs were lost in the area of Al Ra'i newspaper.

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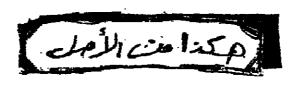
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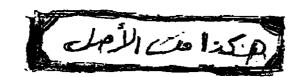
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## of athletes' rebellion

## IF to consider payments to athletes

Aug. 25 (R) — Inter-ick and field will lrag itself out of the sham and hypocrisy y debating proposals alising payments to

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the working group to draft new rules to be put to the 1982 congress in Athens. If these were accepted, they would become effective from 1983.

The urgent need to revise the rules is highlighted in the opening sentence of the study group's report which says: "The future of the IAAF and its members is at

Nor is the group coy about admitting the IAAF is out of step with modern realities, saying: "It is on many occasions extremely difficult, and indeed at times undesirable, to administer strictly the present IAAF eligibility

"Realistic rules must be introduced... which are clearly seen as reasonable, practical and enforce-

Such views represent a major departure from the federation's previously authoritarian attitude which has resulted in a number of athletes, including Olympic champions and world recordholders, being banned for life after admitting they had accepted under-the-counter payments.

Paradoxically, it has also long been felt in track and field circles that the IAAF has been reluctant to seek such evidence for fear of causing a chain reaction among western athletes disenchanted with the dishonesty which exists in their sport.

The question is no longer whether such payments should be allowed but rather what form they should take, and this is likely to be the key issue in Rome.

At present, athletes may accept prizes, though not cash, to the value of \$250 and the report points out: "There is little difference between actual cash and an object, say a watch or television set, the cash value of which can be realised."

The group recommends that prize money, with a possible upper limit of \$1,000 per event, should be allowed on condition it is paid initially to an athlete's national federation and not directly to a competitor.

A proportion of the money could be put into a trust fund to

await the athlete's eventual retirement from track and field—as is already the case in some other sports, notably skiing-with a percentage being retained by the national federation to be used for coaching

and development. The study group is less enthusiastic about the payment of appearance money which, with inflated claims for expenses, is the system most widely used at pre-

Appearance money removes the stimulus from competition, says the report, citing occasions on which leading athletes have performed poorly in the knowledge that they will be paid anyway. Some Olympic champions are even paid to turn up at invitation meetings without competing, it

The study group's recommendation that appearance money should be eliminated could be one of the main sticking points in Rome, since the IAAF council prefers the idea of appearance rather than prize money.

If the congress favours prize money, there will still remain the

question of how much. Some delegates, particularly from the U.S., will want to allow market forces to determine the going rate, rather than set an upper limit.

They suggest that if an athlete is paying tax on his winnings and losing a proportion of the money to his national federation, a limit of \$1,000 per event would be unrealistic in view of the present earning capacity of star competitors.

But the council does support a recommendation that athletes should be allowed to benefit from advertising, provided such contacts are handled by the national federation.

Despite the revolutionary nature of the proposals, and reservations expressed in the past by some socialist countries, IAAF general secretary John Holt is confident the congress will accept the working party's recommendations.

Nor is Holt worried that the proposals, if implemented, will jeopardise track and field's place in the Olympics, since most successful Olympic competitors are already virtually full time athletes.

## Coe aiming for record

BRUSSELS, Aug. 25 (R) — Sebastian Coe may try for his second world record in nine days when he tackles the IAAF Golden Mile at the Ivo Van Damme memorial athletics meeting here on Friday.

"Coe is aiming for a possible time of three minutes 47.0 seconds to 3:47.5," one of the organisers, Wilfried Meert, told a press conference today. In Zurich last Wednesday Coe,

Britain's Olympic 1,500 metres champion, regained the mile record from his compatriot Steve Ovett by clocking 3:48.53, shaving 0.27 seconds off the old mark. The Zurich race, in which he

failed to eclipse Ovett's 1,500 metres world mark, had been expected to be Coe's last record attempt of the season. But Meert said Coe had told him by telephone last night he might try to break his Zurich record in Brussels if he could be sure of support from other runners in the race.

If he did go for the record, he would be aiming for times of 55.0 to 55.5 seconds at 400 metres: 1:51.0 to 1:52.0 at 800 metres: and 2:48.0 at 1,200 metres, Meert

Meert stressed it was too early to say for certain whether Coe would go for the record. But if he did, support could come from former record-holder John Walker of New Zealand and Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, holder of the indoor world mile mark.

## Middlesex get maximum points

LONDON Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Middlesex today completed its third ings defeat of Glamorgan, winning an English County Championship cricket match between the two teams by an innings and 36 runs at Lord's. Glamorgan began play at 151 for six, still needing 114 to make

Middlesex, the current champions, bat again.

Barry Lloyd batted stubbornly for his 21 in 95 minutes before

finally falling to a spectacular catch by Mike Brearley off the bowling

Middlesex eventually dismissed Glamorgan for 229. The victory gave Middlesex a maximum 24 points, but the champions still are well behind leaders Nottinghamshire, who defeated Warwickshire by eight wickets at Edgbaston yesterday.



off of sky-rocketing interest rates and soaring inflation."

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Rob Lea Unscramble these four Jumble one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words **ECIDD** NALAB LADLAB WHAT SOME ALLAD GENTLEMEN GET FROM LADIES. **AVGASE**

Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: ELEGY WELSH FEEBLE HUNGRY Answer: The only thing revolutionary about some of those new car models—THE WHEELS

SAVAGE

Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as sug-

ted by the above cartoon.

## Ovett challenges Coe's record

COBLENZ, West Germany, Aug. 25 (R) — Steve Ovett of Britain will try to recapture the world mile record here tomorrow, but his change of plan has upset West German rival Thomas Wessinghage. Organiser Freddy Schaefer said today meeting promoter Sven Hansen of Norway had told him Ovett wanted to scrap his original

plan to run in the 1,500 metres because 'he wants his mile record Ovett held the mile record of three minutes 48.80 seconds until compatriot Sebastian Coe broke it with a time of 3:48.53 in Zurich

last Wednesday night. Ovett had originally planned to try to better his 1,500 metres record of 3:31.36, which he set here last year, but he will now run instead in the mile, which Schaeper said has been added to the programme. There will still be a 1,500 metres race.

But it seems unlikely Ovett will be assisted this time by Wessinghage, who clocked 3:31.58 to help push Ovett to the record last

## Springboks draw against Maori

NAPIER, New Zealand, Aug. 25 (R) — Centre Colin Beck kicked a controversial dropped goal in injury time today to save the touring South African rugby team from defeat at the hands of New Zealand's national Maori side here today.

The Springboks were trailing nine points to 12 two minutes into injury time when Beck kicked for goal after the ball came to him from

Some spectators and players on the Maori team thought the ball went to the right of the goal posts, but New Zealand referee singalled that the kick was successful.

Amid an outburst of booing and jeering from spectators, he blew the whistle for time before play could restart and the tourists had salvaged a 12-12 draw in the ninth game of their 14-match tour. A dropped goal by Steven Pokere and two penalties by Richard

Dunn put the Maoris 9-0 ahead at half-time.

## **Peanuts**









## **Andy Capp**







## Mutt'n' Jeff







## FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 1981

## YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be prepared for for possible upsets today and make sure that you handle whatever comes up in a calm manner. A confident attitude can give you a boost in the right direction. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Strange situation may pop

up at home so he sure to be tactful. Study a new plan carefully before putting it in motion.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Making sure that your accounts are correct is most important at this time. Be more cooperative with associates. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Avoid whatever stands in

your way of financial success. Be sure to handle practical affairs more intelligently. Relax tonight. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Study how to put a new plan in operation but don't begin action on it

yet. Enjoy the company of congenials. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A private anxiety requires your own attention so handle it without confiding in others. Forget romantic nonsense for now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) New conditions arise where an important personal matter is concerned, so use your own good judgment for best results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your business affairs are not working out as you wish, use another plan to improve them. Strive for increased happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Converse with one who can give valuable information you need. Show increased devotion to loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Use a more direct approach to gain your objectives. Loved one may be in peculiar mood now, but be patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Strive for increased harmony with associates. One who opposes you needs careful handling. Don't be emotional. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You may not be as effi-

cient as usual now but study the reasons why and good results should follow. Be wise. PISCES (Feb., 20 to Mar. 20) Instead of criticizing

others, use your charm and get better results. Show appreciation to loval friends. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will

have to be handled with a certain amount of restraint and 'the right kind of discipline. There is a fine personality in this chart that could do well in alleviating the suffering of others. Religious training is a must. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make

of your life is largely up to you!

## THE Daily Crossword by Dorothea E. Shipp

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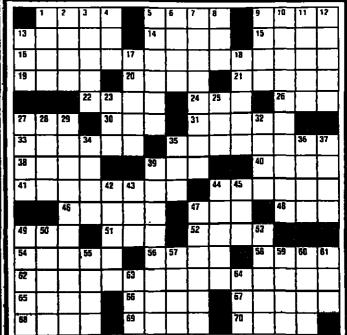
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Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦Q87** ♥63 ♦AK93 **♣**AK82 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 1 V Pass

What do you bid now? A.-You have an awkward hand. Your heart weakness and the fact that almost all your strength is concentrated in two suits made your hand unsuitable for a one no trump opening bid. Now, a rebid of one no trump would be an underbid while a leap to two no trump would greatly overstate your values. The only solution is to rebid two clubs and hope that that action will elicit something

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold: +KQ10963 ♥Q ♦K986 +94 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1 4 Pass 1 🕈 2 ♥ Pass Pass

positive from partner.

What do you bid now? A.-You have to do something to tell partner that you have a reasonable hand. While a bid of two spades would show a six-card suit, partner might think that you are simply competing for the partial. A jump to three spades describes your holding much better.

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you hold: **♦AK85** ♥93 ♦AQ76 **♦**KQ6 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now? A .- Another difficult hand. You have the values for a jump to two no trump, but that risks losing the spade suit. Yet you are not strong enough, nor unbalanced enough, for a jump to two spades. We suggest a simple rebid of one spade. If partner passes, it is doubtful whether you have the values for game. But you will be well placed over any bid that partner might make at his second

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## Angola says S. Africans strike inside its territory

LISBON, Aug. 25 (R) — Angola said today two South African armoured columns, backed by air strikes, were driving into southern Angola and could start a war.

The Angolan news agency ANGOP said 32 South African tanks spearheaded two motorised columns which thrust across the border from Namibia (South West Africa) yesterday and engaged Angolan forces on the road to the southern town of Lubango.

South African jets swooped in to pound the government positions, it said.

President Jose Eduardo dos

provoke a war of unforseeable consequences."

In Pretoria, a South African defence force spokesman declined to comment on the Angolan report and added: "It is known that operations are continuously being mounted against SWAPO

## Morocco ready to hold referendum to determine future of West Sahara

NAIROBI, Aug. 25 (R) — King Hassan II of Morocco today reiterated his willingness to hold a referendum in the disputed Western Sahara to decide whether its inhabitants wish to remian under Rabat's rule.

King Hassan told a sevennation Organisation of African Unity (OAU) committee that "Morocco is ready, when the OAU is ready, to organise a peaceful, honest and unequivocal referendum," delegates quoted

him as saying.
At an OAU summit in June the Morocco monarch accepted OAU proposals for a referendum in the former Spanish Sahara, where Polisario guerrillas are fighting Morocco troops for control of the

The OAU committee hasinvited the leaders of Morocco, Algeria, which back the Polisario, and Mauritania, which administered the region with Morocco until 1979, to discuss a ceasefire in the territory and a referendum.

The Polisario, which has proclaimed the area a republic, wants all Moroccan troops to leave the region before a referendum is held, a demand Rabat has

rejected. With the positions of Morocco and the Polisario still far apart dipSantos sent a telegram to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim saying: "The situation is becoming serious and could

Mali and Guinea, delegates said. recognised the republic proclaimed by the Polisario. Morocco and some other states have threatened to quit the OAU if the Polisario was admitted as a

the talks would make much prog-

today to the OAU committee grouping Kenya, the present OAU chairman, Tanzania, Nigeria, Sudan, Sierra Leone,

### King Hassan made no new proposals in his brief address

Twenty-six OAU states have

# Chapman gets life term,

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (R) — Mark David Chapman, sentenced

Wearing a casual blue shirt and black slacks, he stood clamly in front of the bench before being. sentenced yesterday and read to judge Dennis Edwards an excerpt from the novel "Catcher in the

Chapman, 26, who had earlier expressed a desire to bring "tens

London was considering a tele-

gram from Mr. Carron requesting

a meeting this week to discuss the

six-month Maze deadlock in

which 10 Irish Republican Army

and Irish National Liberation

Army (INLA) guerrillas have

starved themselves to death seek-

ing five reforms amounting to

Six inmates are on hunger strike

political-prisoner status.

rillas had from 1972-1976.

## **Bobby Sands' successor** to Parliament alleges attacks on self and family

Mr. Carron was elected member of the British Parliament for fermanagh and South Tyrone last week, filling the seat left vacant by IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands who died May 5 at the Maze prison in a protest for political status. Mr. Carron was Mr. Sands' election agent when the guerrilla won the Fermanagh seat in April

police spokesman said it was not known immediately if the explosion was caused by a bomb, but

In a statement released through the Republican Press Centre, Belfast, Mr. Carron said a police patrol had been seen near the house

Mr. Carron said police had visited the house last night "and their presence is very sinister given the subsequent explosion."

He was elected as a "proxy political prisoner" on behalf of the Maze hunger strikers when Britain closed the loophole which allowed Mr. Sands to run for office. "During the election campaign, black flags and posters were removed from poles and ceremoniously burned in the town of Maguiresbridge, and my other brother John and a colleague were

Carron made a complaint about. police behaviour it would be investigated.

South African military sources

said earlier this month that Cuban and East German technicians were installing anti-aircraft missiles at Lubango and upgrading port facilities at the nearby port of Mocamedes for landing heavy armour.

when necessary."

These sources said a large force of Cubans was stationed at Lubango, 200 kilometres north of the Namibian border.

Angolan embassy sources in Lisbon said President dos Santos was warning that Angloa may call on outside help when he referred in his telegram to Mr. Waldheim to his country's right under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter to "Individual or collective self-defence if an armed act occurs against a member of the United Natons."

According to Western estimates there are between 14,000 and 19.000 Cuban troops stationed in Angola.

The South African commander in Nambibia/SWA said earlier this month that if Cuban and Angolan forces acted to defend SWAPO bases in Southern Angola "we unavoidably have to cross

lan forces at the town of Xanbegan fighting after occupying the confirmed today. nearby village of Cataquero some 100 kilometres inside Angola.

# reads novel in court

to a prison term of 20 years to life for the murder of former Beatle John Lennon, lived his fantasies right up to the final day in court.

# said they doubted w

BELFAST, Aug. 25 (A.P.) - An explosion early today damaged a partly built house belonging to the brother of newly elected Member of Parliament Owen Carron, who called it "the latest in a series of sectarian attacks on myself and my

The blast occurred shortly after midnight in the remote village of Maguiresbridge, near Enniskillen. County Fermanagh, 112 kilometres west of Belfast.

No one was at the house, owned by Mr. Carron's brother Seamus. Although neighbouring homes also were damaged, no one was hurt, police said.

A Royal Ulster Constabulary Mr. Carron had no doubts.

last night.

A police spokesman said if Mr.

Salinger's book about a youth who saved children from falling off a cliff at the end of a field of rye, looked straight at the judge and concluded: "I just be the catcher in the

During a pre-sentence hearing, a psychiatrist told a bizarre tale of fantasies which afflicted Chapman before he gunned down 40year-old Lennon with five shots in front of his fashionable Man-

hattan apartment last December. Dr. Daniel Schwartz, a psychiatrist who interviewed Chapman eight times, said the defendant had suicidal tendencies and

was paranoid and schizophrenic. He told the court Chapman may have shot Lennon because he thought that by doing so he would

actually be killing himself. "I think this is his kind of schizophrenic way of saying 'Mark Chapman is dead," the doctor Meanwhile, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office in

He also said Chapman was torn between good and evil.

"God and Satan struggled for his will, "Dr. Schwartz said. He quoted Chapman as saying: "I can hear them talking, not from the outside but the inside."

Chapman originally pleaded innocent but changed his plea to guilty against the advice of his attorney last June, saying he had chosen to "follow the instructions of God.

now, including Lawrence McK-eown, in his 58th day without But after hearing the psychiatric food. Britain refuses to negotiate testimony, judge Edwards upheld with the hunger strikers or restore the prosecutor's view and conthe special political status guercluded: "He knew what he was



Saturn seen from Voyager II at a distance of 13 million miles (A.P. Wirephoto)

## **Voyager II gets closer to Saturn**

PASADENA, California, Aug. 25 (R) — The U.S. spacecraft Voyager II, racing towards a close encounter with the giant planet Saturn, last night relayed back to earth pictures of what scientists said appeared to be an oblongshaped satellite.

Scientists at the jet propulsion laboratory near Pasadena variously described the satellite, Hyperion, as shaped like a beer can, a banana, a potato and a hockey puck. "You expect satellites to be roughly global-shaped," one expert commented.

A spokesman for the space project said: "Hyperion, apparently consisting mainly of ice, was originally considered one of the least interesting of the 17 satellites of Saturn discovered so far. Now it warrants further study, particularly its 'fix' on Saturn."

The spokesman added that Hyperion appeared to be 402 kilometres long and 240 kilometres wide.

approach to Saturn 101,000 kilometres above the planet's cloudtops at 8.25 p.m. (0325

GMT Wednesday). After a four-year, two billion kilometre journey into space, Voyager II was expected to send back more than 18,500 pictures of the planet, its mysterious rings and the 17 satellites discovered so far.

The three major rings of Saturn, the biggest planet in the solar system after Jupiter, are generally Excitement at the space's believed to be made up of chunks laboratory was mounting as Voyager II headed towards its closest lite explosion in the distant past. of dirty ice resulting from a satel-

## BBC's Ankara man to face trial

Today's Angolan defence ANKARA, Aug. 25 (A.P.) ministry communique said the The Ankara correspondent for the-South African clashed with Ango- Financial Times and the Turkish service of the BBC will go on trial gongo and called in air strikes. The next month on unspecified second South African column charges, an Ankara prosecutor

> The correspondent, Metin Munir, first learned of the pending declaration in a summons delivered to him today. It said the "accused Metin Munir is directed to appear in an Ankara court Sept.

An Ankara civilian proseçutor. who had questioned Mr. Munir last month, confirmed that a case had been opened against Mr. Munir - a Cypriot citizen -- and that he would be tried.

The prosecutor demanded that his name not be given and refused to give any details about the nature of the charges.

The prosecutor questioned Mr. Munir last July about a broadcast he did concerning a letter circulated among foreign correspondents in Ankara by an unidentified Turkish group. The letter said the Turks were banding together to take revenge against found guilty.

Armenians who have been killing Turkish diplomats abroad. Mr. Munir's dispatch was played back into Turkey by BBC's Turkish language service last December.

Observers in Ankara said the trial of Mr. Munir, who holds a Greek Cypriot passport, would be the first of a foreign correspondent in recent history.

Mr. Munir's lawyer said that because he was to be tried in a criminal court reserved for serious civilian crimes - the equivalent t of a felony - he must be sentenced to no less than five years in jail if

## Carter given warm welcome in China; meets Premier Zhao

PEKING, Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Jimmy Carter and Premier Zhao Ziyang had a jogger-to-jogger chat today about running, farming and another mutual interest - ties between the United States and China in a two-hour private visit with China's top government official Mr. Carter predictably said the relationship between the two countries would progress because the desire "is so deeply engrained in the consciousness of the people.

Mr. Carter, on a private visit at the invitation of the Chinese government, discussed developments in Sino-U.S. ties since he announced normalisation of relations on Jan. 1, 1979.

Mr. Zhao welcomed the former U.S. president in the opulent Hall of Purple Light and declared, "You have made outstanding contributions to Sino-U.S. relations."

Mr. Carter's press secretary Jody Powell later said the former president was not conveying any message from the current Reagan administration. "The president did express his view that the process that began with presidents Nixon and Ford would continue," Mr. Powell said.

Mr. Zhao also discussed with Mr. Carter agriculture, peanut farming, technology, science, culture, students, soy beans and jogging, Mr. Powell said. Mr. Carter is a Georgia peanut farmer and former governor of that state. Mr. Zhao was the governor of Sichuan province and won acclaim for his progressive agriculture

Mr. Powell said Mr. Carter and Mr. Zhao "reviewed the progress in relations since normalisation." Mr. Powell, asked if the Taiwan problem came up, said two "discussed other mat-

Mr. Carter, 56, mentioned he had jogged this morning near his government guest house. Mr. Zhao said he also jogs and invited Mr. Carter join him for a run sometime.

Reporters were admitted for the first few minutes of their meeting.

"We have been very gratified at the progress made in the last two and a half years," Mr. Carter said, "and we believe this so deeply engrained in the consciousness of the people (that) it is a trend of progress that cannot be changed."

Mr. Carter has been accorded red carpet treatment, but both sides are handling the visit delicately to avoid offending the Reagan administ-

Chinese leaders were more comfortable with Mr. Carter's clear pro-China policy than with Mr. Reagans affirmation of support for the rival Nationalist government of Taiwan.

tonight in the Great Hall of the People. Tomorrow, Mr. Carter is to visit the Great Wall and Meet Foreign Minister Huang Hua. On Thursday, Mr. Carter meets Vice Chairman

Mr. Zhao was to host a banquet for Mr. Carter

Deng Xiaoping who was received by Mr. Carter in the United States in Jan. 1979. Mr. Carter leaves Friday to view the largerthan-life pottery army of 2,000 statues in the ancient capital of Xian. He later goes to Shanghai where, as a former U.S. navy officer, he may visit a

Chinese naval installation. He will hold a news conference before leaving Shanghai on Sept.3 for Osaka, Japan.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

## Rival churches to draw final report

LONDON, Aug. 25 (R) — Anglican and Roman Catholic theologisms met today to draw up a final report on their 13 years of discussions on doctrinal differences between the two churches The talks, being held at a conference centre inside Windsor castle, end on Sept. 2, but the report is not expected to be published before the new year, according to a spokesman. The theologians belong to the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), set up in 1968 by the late Pope Paul VI and Dr. Michael Ramsey, then archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual leader of the world's Anglicans. Since then they have issued three agreed statements on various doctrinal problems, including the Eucharist, the central act of Christian worship, the priestly minis. try and Ecclesiastical authority. While agreeing in theory that the Pope should head any future union between the two churches, the theologians have differed in their interpretations of papal supre-macy, papal infallibility and allied problems.

### Turks swim over to Greece

ALEXANDROUPOLIS, Greece, Aug. 25 (R) — Seven Turks, two of them women, swam the Evros River on rubber tyres and and asked for political asylum in Greece, a police spokesman said today. They were detained at the border point of Ferron and told police they were opponents of the military regime in Turkey, the spokesman said. All were said to come from the Istanbul region. The spokesman said they would be sent to the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees at Lavrion, near Athens, while their application for asylum was considered. The U.N. High Commissioner's office said yeaterday that 19 Turks asked for political asylum in Greece in the past month.

### Jeanne Kirkpatrick comes to Katmandu

KATMANDU, Nepal, Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Jeanne Kirkpatrick, U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, arrived here today from India in connection with her tour of six southwestern Asian nations, and was recieved at the airport by Nepal's Foreign Secretary Jagdish S. Rana. During her 24-hour so journ in the Himalayan kingdom, Ms. Kirkpatrick was to hold consulations with Nepalese officials on the agenda for the 36th United Nations General Assembly. She also was to be received in an audience by King Birendra this evening at the royal palace. She is scheduled to leave Katmandu tomorrow for Colombo on a two-day visit to Sri Lanka, and then will go to Pakistan on the last leg of her six-nation tour.

### Nelson Mandela's wife acquitted

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Winder Mandela, wife of imprisoned African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela was acquitted yesterday of violating be banning order, the Sowetan newspaper of Johannesburg reported. The Sowetan said Mrs. Mandela, 44, had been charged with allowing a visitor at her home without permission. Her banning order, prohibits her from receiving any visitors except those mentioned in the order. Mrs. Mandela's lawyers argued that she had not violated the order because the person in question was not a visitor, but had moved in and was assisting in the maintenance of the household. Mrs. Mandela's husband is imprisoned for life on Robben Island, off Cape Town, on a conviction for conspiracy to comit acts of sabotage aimed at bringing down white-minority rule here.

## Spy Boyce allegedly plans suicide

SEATTLE, Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Captured spy Christopher Boyce who has been under around-the-clock surveillance since he was taken into custody three days ago, has refused food and plans to starve himself to death, it was reported today. Boyce, the 28year-old son of a former FBI agent, was araigned yesterday in Seattle on a charge of escaping from the federal prison at Lompoc California, where he was serving a 40-year sentence for espionage. Boyce refused to speak directly to U.S. magistrate Philip K. Sweigert during the arraignment. He also decided against making a statement to reporters after he learned he would have to read it while handcuffed, his attorneys said. Officials of the U.S. Marshal's office in Seattle refused to comment on the report last night. Boyce's two lawyers were en route to Los Angeles from Seattle and were not available for comment.

## Jazz musician dies at 77

TOULOUSE, France, Aug. 25 (A.P.) — Bill Coleman, a prom inent American Jazz trumpeter, died yesterday at a clinic in this southern France city where he was admitted Saturday for cardiac and respiratory troubles. He was 77. Born in Paris, Kentucky, Mr. Coleman played with many top bands in the 1920s and with Fats Waller in 1939. He left the United States later and spent the rest of his career in France. Mr. Coleman played along side many of the great names of Jazz, including Billie Holliday, Coleman Hawkins and Django Reihnardt. He was well known for his renditions

of such classics as "Down by the Riverside," and "Jericho".

# 'Atypical pneumonia' -- Spain's latest headache

MADRID — It took six weeks to track a series of deaths from "atypical pneumonia" in Spain down to the consumption of cheap, adulterated rapeseed oil. The investigation threatens not only those who sell the oil, but the politicians and bureaucrats who do little to monitor and improve consumer protection.

Summer heat and inaction has engulfed Spain but has failed to suppress widespread concern over a scandal concerning the sale of

lethally adulterated edible oils. At the latest count, 89 people have died since May as a result of eating adulterated rapeseed oil. Over 11,000 people have been taken to hospital and 1,200 remain there.

Each day brings fresh evidence

of the scale on which merchants

have sold adulterated edible oils.

sometimes even after their com-

panies have come under gov-

ernment surveillance. The scandal has shown the government's failure to control the manufacture and distribution of foodstuffs - both in terms of trades descriptions and health

In May, hospitals experienced a sudden intake of people suffering respiratory complaints. The first deaths came very

quickly. Authorities described the

standards.

infirmity as "atypical pneumonia", but they are baffled as to its causes. More people were sent to hos-

pital, deaths mounted and public of a Basque company, Rapsa, concern became more vociferous. International experts were the rapeseed used in Spain. brought in.

terious illness with consumption ally sold as olive oil by street vendors or in cheap stores. Even now it is not known what the precise toxic elements are in the adulteration that have caused

respiratory illness, skin eruptions

It was six weeks before doctors

were able to connect the mys-

and death. The illness has affected young and old alike, though most come from poorer households. As the authorities have moved to track down the adulterators and distributors, police and Ministry of Commerce officials have impounded over 1.2 million tons

warehouses throughout Spain. Eleven different brands of edible oil, most masquerading as olive oil, have been declared toxic. One of the brands was found to cause cancer. Police have investigated over 50

people and 12 people have been

indicted so far. These include the

principal owners and management

of treated rapeseed oil in various

which imports about two thirds of

Some of these imports are destined for industrial use -- especially in the Basque steel industry. The rapeseed oil adapted for use of adulterated rapeseed oil, usu- in the steel industry has proved the most toxic adulteration, some reports claim.

Rapsa's connections with a

Madrid company are believed to

have led to most of the illnesses in the Madrid region. Adulteration of olive oil is a time-honoured practice. But the authorities turned a blind eye because of the small scale on which they thought it was done. Even now the Ministry of Com-

merce believes it is on a small

Events are proving this view to be complacent and maccurate. Just before the Parliamentary recess for summer the government was being pressed to explain why rapeseed oil imports have tripled in the last four years. Critics have also asked why figures for olive oil consumption did not match up with the quantities of surplus olive oil and bought by the government

Government ministries claim that annual consumption of edible oils amounts to 700,000 tons, with perhaps one in 10,000 tons being

However, opposition leaders

claim consumption is closer to 800,000, leaving 100,000 tons uncontrolled by the authorities. Any amount of this could be Although the opposition claims

there is an apparent balance in olive oil consumption amounting to 450,000 tons a year - with 350.000 tons consumed and 100,000 tons exported, the government has bought surpluses totalling 260,000 tons since 1975. Opposition leaders are keen to know how these surpluses arise,

and whether they are, in fact, the

result of adulterated oils in the market. The scandal should serve as a valuable lesson to improve trade descriptions, quality control and health standards. It is also a powerful reminder to ordinary Spaniards of the virtual absence of

consumer protection. Legislation is either non-

existent or far too vague. Even in those instances where clear guidelines exist for manufacture of products there are insufficient

inspectors to ensure adequate

Almost every year one incident or another serves to underline this. In 1978 there was the case of a butane tanker which crashed off the road and exploded in a camp site killing 234 persons. This revealed great laxity over the transport of dangerous cargoes, but there was never a proper

inquiry or follow-up. In July 1979, a fire in the main hotel in Saragossa killed 17 persons and injured over 70. It revealed a lack of fire safety devices and escape procedures. A general review of fire safety followed, but few recommendations

have been implemented. One of the inhibiting factors to reform and better consumer protection lies in bureaucratic division. The present scandal involves the ministries of agriculture, commerce, health and labour, and

vstice. All squabble about where their

duties begin and end. The gov-

affair well. Slow to react and rel tant to release information, min ters have failed to instil confiden - reminiscent of the Franqu mentality when dangerous o breaks of unknown infirmit were papered over with reassure platitudes or given anody

The government has refused concede that so many deaths! such a large scale of h pitalisation has stemmed from oversight or laxity on its part. any issue which has touched, ! will coutinue to touch, so m voters, this could prove a mi

this, and the Socialists in I ticular have called for the i ignation of the minister of hea Meanwhile, the effects of scandal on Spain's vital olive

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industry could be serious if of sumers take fright over its ox sumption.

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